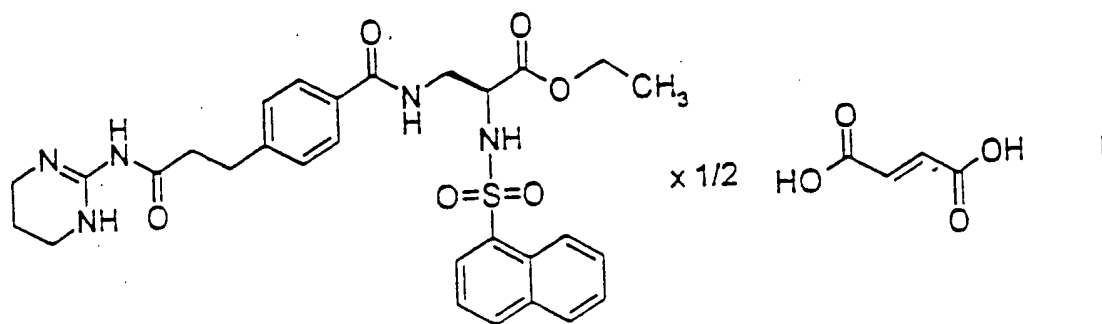
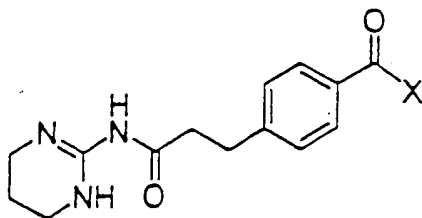


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Claim 2 (amended) A pharmaceutical composition for treating bone diseases comprising an amount of compound of claim 1 sufficient to treat bone diseases and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.

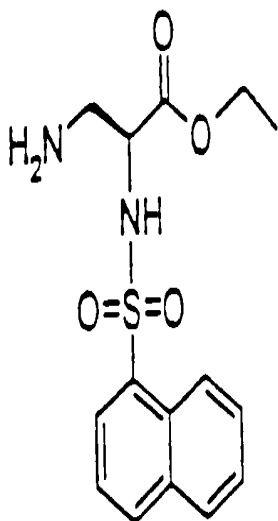
Claim 3 (amended) A process for the preparation of ethyl (2S)-2-(naphthalene-1-sulfonylamino)-3-(4-(2-(1,4,5,6-tetrahydropyrimidin-2-ylcarbamoyl)ethyl)benzoylamino)propionate or a salt thereof, comprising reacting 4-(2-(1,4,5,6-tetrahydropyrimidin-2-ylcarbamoyl)ethyl)benzoic acid or a derivative thereof of the formula



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contd. wherein X is hydroxy or a leaving group, with ethyl (2S)-3-amino-2-(naphthalene-1-sulfonylamino)propionate of the formula



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or a salt or salts of any one or broth of the said compounds.

Claim 4 (amended) The process of claim 3 wherein X is chlorine.

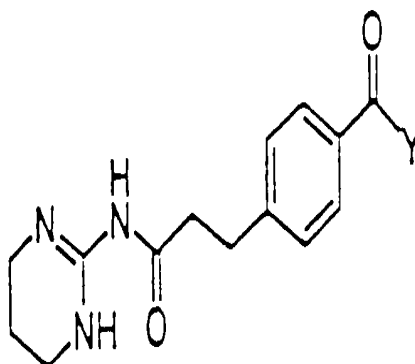
Claim 5 (amended) The process of claim 3 wherein the reaction product of the compounds of the formulae II and III is

acid addition salt of the compound

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Claim 6 (amended) The process of claim 3 wherein ethyl (2S)-2-(naphthalene-1 sulfonylamino)-3-(4-(2-(1,4,5,6-tetrahydropyrimidin-2-ylcarbamoyl)ethyl)benzoylamino)propionate hemifumarate is prepared.

Claim 7 (amended) A compound of the formula

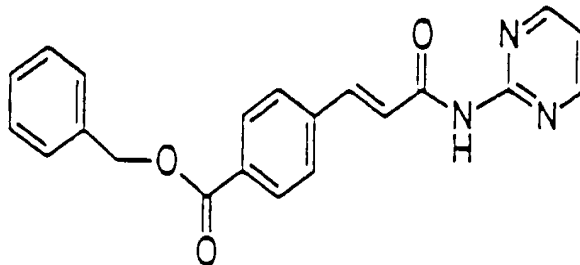


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wherein Y is hydroxy or chlorine or bromine, or a salt thereof.

Claim 8 (amended) A compound of claim 7 which is 4-(2-(1,4,5,6-tetrahydropyrimidin-2-ylcarbamoyl)ethyl)benzoic acid or 4-

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or a salt thereof.

Claim 10 (amended) A process for the preparation of 4-(2-(1,4,5,6-tetrahydropyrimidin-2-ylcarbamoyl)ethyl)benzoic acid or a salt thereof, comprising hydrogenating benzyl 4-(2-(pyrimidin-2-ylcarbamoyl)vinyl)benzoate of claim 9 or a salt thereof.

Please add the following claim:



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A¹¹11. A method of treating bone diseases in humans comprising administering to humans in need thereof an amount of the compound of claim 1 sufficient to treat bone diseases. A¹¹

REMARKS